

Remarks/Arguments:

This Response is being submitted in response to the Office action dated January 14, 2005. Claims 16-21 were withdrawn from consideration in a reply filed December 23, 2004. Claims 10-15 and 24 are canceled by the present Amendment. Claims 1, 22 and 27 have been amended. Claims 1-9, 22, 23 and 25-27 are presented for examination.

Applicant's representative encloses a check in the amount of \$60.00 for a one-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(1), and also hereby authorizes the use of Deposit Account 03-0172 for any other payment necessary to maintain the application in good standing.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant appreciates that the Office acknowledges that claim 24 recites allowable subject matter. Applicant has amended independent claim 22, the base claim of claim 24, to recite the allowable subject matter of claim 24. Applicant has also amended independent claims 1 and 27 to recite the allowable subject matter of claim 24.

Thus, Applicant submits that independent claims 1, 22 and 27 are allowable for the same reasons cited by the Office with respect to claim 24. Applicant further submits that claims 2-9, 23, 25 and 26 are allowable for the same reasons as the independent claims from which they depend. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Office withdraw the rejection of claims 1-9, 22, 23 and 25-27.

Conclusion

Entry of this amendment and allowance of claims 1-9, 22, 23 and 25-27 are respectfully requested. Applicant respectfully invites the Examiner to contact Applicant's representative at the telephone number listed below to discuss the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,



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